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TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. PLEASE PROCEED TO MAKE APPROACHES DISCUSSED  
REFTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF THEY CANNOT BE MADE  
THIS EVENING, THEY SHOULD BE MADE MONDAY MORNING.

2. WE WILL SEND ASAP THE FINAL TEXT OF THE APRIL 3  
ANNOUNCEMENT. IT WILL BE RELEASED DURING THE  
MORNING. SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY COME SIMULTANEOUSLY  
WITH OR EVEN BEFORE YOUR APPROACH, YOU WILL WISH TO  
AMEND YOUR TALKING POINTS CONCERNING ANNOUNCEMENT ACCORDINGLY.

3. FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS TO INSTRUCTIONS,  
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KEYED TO THE REFTEL.

4. IN PARA 4 REFTEL, FIRST TICK, LAST SENTENCE,  
CHANGE "THEY WOULD BE READY TO ATTEND AN ALL PARTY  
MEETING." TO "THEY ARE READY TO ATTEND AN ALL  
PARTIES MEETING."

5. IN PARA 4 REFTTEL, SECOND TICK, NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE, CHANGE "THAT THE ALL PARTIES DISCUSSIONS BE BASED SOLELY ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN" TO "THAT THE ALL PARTIES DISCUSSIONS BE CONFINED SOLELY TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN."

6. IN THE FOLLOWING TICK, ADD TO THE END OF THE THIRD SENTENCE, AFTER "MEETING OF THE MALTA PARTICIPANTS IN MID-APRIL": ", PREFERABLY APRIL 15. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE FRONT LINE STATES AND NIGERIA, WHILE NOT FORMAL PARTICIPANTS, WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT A HIGH LEVEL (FOREIGN MINISTER)."

7. TO THE NEXT SENTENCE, ADD AT THE END: ", TO TAKE PLACE, WE WOULD HOPE, BY LATE APRIL. WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE SALISBURY PARTIES AND OWEN/VANCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MALTA FOLLOW-UP MEETING, PERHAPS ON THE BORDER."

8. IN THE NEXT TICK, THIRD SENTENCE, ADD "GRAHAM/LOW" AFTER "GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE" AND BEFORE "MEETINGS TO HIGH COMMISSIONERS."

9. ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW TICK AT THE END OF PARA 4  
" -- WE HAVE DISCUSSED THESE POINTS WITH THE ZAMBIAN  
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AND BOTSWANAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, SALIM AND THE NIGERIANS. THEY WERE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THIS APPROACH."

10. WITH REGARD TO INSTRUCTION IN PARA 5 REFTTEL, NOTE FYI THAT IF NKOMO IS IN LUANDA, THE BRITISH WILL CONTACT HIM THERE.

1. IN THE FIRST TICK IN PARA 5, DELETE THE WORD "ALONE" AT THE END OF THE SECOND SENTENCE. INSERT AS A NEW THIRD SENTENCE, "WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE FRONT LINE STATES AND NIGERIA, WHILE NOT FORMAL PARTICIPANTS, WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT A HIGH LEVEL (FOREIGN MINISTER)."

12. IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE BUT ONE, CHANGE "WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO OUR PROPOSALS" TO "WE ARE COMMITTED TO OUR PROPOSALS."

13. AT THE END OF THAT SENTENCE, REPLACE "BASED SOLELY ON" WITH "CONFINED SOLELY TO THE."

14. TO THE THIRD SENTENCE OF THE SECOND TICK OF  
PARA 5 REFTEL, ADD AT THE END, AFTER "MID-APRIL":  
", PREFERABLY APRIL 15, WITH AN ALL PARTIES MEETING  
BY LATE APRIL."

15. CHANGE THE NEXT SENTENCE TO READ "THE PURPOSE  
OF THE GRAHAM/LOW CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE ..."

16. AFTER THE THIRD TICK IN PARA 5 REFTEL, AND  
BEFORE THE FINAL TICK, ADD A NEW TICK: "WE WOULD  
CONTEMPLATE ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING  
BETWEEN THE SALISBURY PARTIES AND OWEN/VANCE  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MALTA FOLLOW-UP MEETING,  
PERHAPS ON THE BORDER."

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17. THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRETORIA IN PARA 6 ARE  
FOR PRETORIA AND CAPE TOWN.

18. IN THE SECOND TICK OF PARA 6, DELETE "BARGAIN ON"  
AND REPLACE IT WITH "DISCUSS FURTHER."

19. AT THE END OF THE FIFTH TICK OF PARA 6 REFTEL,  
AFTER "IF THAT IS CONVENIENT" ADD: ", LOOKING TO  
AN ALL PARTIES MEETING IN LATE APRIL."

20. AS A NEW SIXTH TICK IN PARA 6 REFTEL, ADD THE  
SAME SENTENCE AS IN PARA 16 OF THIS CABLE, REGARDING  
AN OWEN/VANCE MEETING WITH THE SALISBURY PARTIES.

21. IN THE THIRD TICK FOLLOWING THEREAFTER, BEGINNING  
"WE ARE CONTINUING ...", ALTER THE THIRD SENTENCE  
TO READ "NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL NOT INSIST THAT THE  
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ALL PARTIES DISCUSSIONS BE CONFINED SOLELY TO THE  
AAP."

22. THESE MODIFICATIONS IN THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE  
APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY AFTER A DISCUSSION OF A  
NUMBER OF THESE POINTS (ESPECIALLY ON TIMING) WITH  
THE NIGERIANS, TANXANIANS, ZAMBIANS AND BOTSWANANS  
THIS AFTERNOON. IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAY AS CLOSE TO  
THEM AS POSSIBLE.

23. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER  
HERE THAT YOUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED  
TO PROCEED. WE GATHER THEIR INSTRUCTIONS ARE ALONG  
SIMILAR LINES, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY NOT AS DETAILED.  
IF THERE TURN OUT TO BE IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE  
DIFFERENCES IN THE RESPECTIVE GUIDANCES, LET US  
KNOW TOMORROW MORNING, THROUGH CABLES TO LAGOS AND  
MONROVIA, URGENTLY AND BEFORE PROCEEDING. IF NECESSARY,  
WASHINGTON CAN GET MESSAGES TO US ON THE PLANE  
MONDAY MORNING BETWEEN 10 AM AND NOON LAGOS TIME  
EN ROUTE MONROVIA, OR DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON AND  
EVENING EN ROUTE WASHINGTON.

24. WITH REGARD TO INSTRUCTION IN LAST SENTENCE OF  
PARA TWO REFTEL, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO FLASH RESULTS  
OF YOUR MEETINGS IF THEY TAKE PLACE AFTER 0800 HRS  
LAGOS TIME APRIL 3. VANCE

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